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FOOTBALL FANS RIOT

Navy Team Mobbed At Causeway Bay Shots Fired But No One Hit

TWO MEN WERE SERIOUSLY INJURED AND SEVERAL SHOTS WERE FIRED FROM THE MIDDLE OF A YELLING, HOOTING CROWD AT CAUSEWAY BAY YESTERDAY, FOLLOWING THE ABANDONMENT OF A SOCCER SEMI-FINAL GAME WHEN PARTISANS OF THE LOSING TEAM RUSHED THE FIELD.

NO ONE WAS HIT BY ANY OF THE BULLETS, AND IT WAS NOT KNOWN WHO DID THE FIRING NOR WHAT WEAPON WAS USED. IT IS UNDERSTOOD, HOWEVER, THAT CARTRIDGE CASES PICKED UP SHOW THAT THE GUN WAS OF .22 CALIBRE AND PROBABLY A PISTOL.

The game was abandoned with only seven minutes more playing time, when Navy "rig" were leading Eastern, a Chinese team, by four goals to nil. The match was a keenly contested one, and the crowd, which was estimated to be one of the largest ever seen at the stadium, had to be warned both before and after the game.

Finally, two players started an argument, and this was the signal for supporters of the Eastern team to rush the field. Naval patrols tried to clear the field of the instructions of the referee, but at first the crowd was too much for them.

Bricks and stones came hurtling through the air at the Navy team, and it was obvious that at any moment some of them would be injured seriously. The Naval patrols were promptly reinforced by a number of Commandos who were among those watching the game. With belts whirling, they came to the support of the Navy patrols, and between them the field was cleared.

Game Abandoned

In view of the temper of the crowd, which was by no means abated, the referee had no alternative but to declare the game abandoned. This resulted in many stones and bricks being hurled by the crowd at the Navy team, the referee, officials and committeemen, who were trying to restore order.

EMERGENCY MEETING

An emergency meeting of the committee of the Rehabilitation Football League was held at 5.15 p.m. today in the office of Messrs. Lo and Lo in connection with the Causeway Bay disturbance. The following have been requested to make every effort to attend:—Mr. Wong Kaitan (Chairman), Commander Robertson-Almond, Wing Commander Connolly, C.P.O. Rogers, R.S.M. Spynner, Cpl. Sherry, Messrs. K. K. Ip, Charles Yung, W. E. Holland, C. Gillingham and L. F. Souza, Hon. Secretary.

The game having been abandoned, Eastern prepared to leave. Mr. Av. Ho and other officials tried to persuade them to wait for the Navy team and afford the latter a little additional protection by leaving with them.

For some reason, the Eastern team would not listen to this sportsmanlike suggestion and left. The Navy team had, therefore, to run a gauntlet of more stones and bricks, and were lucky to get through without anyone being hit.

The Naval patrols and an unofficial but effective bodyguard of Commandos had stayed on to look after the officials and players, but were not involved in any further incidents.

Shots Fired

The crowd continued to demonstrate near the Causeway

Werewolves

London, March 24. Prague radio reported today that 100 members of a terrorist organization modelled after the Werewolves in Germany were arrested in connection with "a plot to overthrow the government."

The report alleged "support from abroad."—Associated Press.

Campaign Against U.S. Occupation

London, Mar. 24. The weekly "News of the World" today said in a despatch from Sapporo (Hokkaido), Japan, that a secret "few hundred" American paratroopers on the island are faced with the beginnings of a violent anti-occupation campaign.

Correspondent A. Noyes-Thomas said posters are appearing in public places—calling on Hokkaido's 3,000,000 people to "arm yourselves, even with bludgeons," and added that "harassed" American officers said they did not have enough interpreters even to check all the posters.

The despatch added that a curfew has been imposed and that all Japanese homes have been placed off-limits for United States troops in a "tense and hostile" atmosphere.—Associated Press.

Volcanic Eruption

Tokyo, Mar. 24. On the 15th day of eruption, the Minami lake volcanic peak in southern Kyushu has sent a stream of lava into the sea two miles distant while another stream creeps along the nearby lowlands at diminished pace.

A writer for the army newspaper "Stars and Stripes," who flew over the crater, said underground rumblings were growing.—Associated Press.

SOVIET SPIES WERE LONG ON TRAIL

Montreal, March 24. Soviet agents were on the trail of Canada's atomic secrets for at least five months before the world first heard of the atomic bomb last August, according to evidence submitted by the Government yesterday in its spy trials.

Special prosecutor E. Phillips Bruns submitted documents purportedly stolen from the Russian embassy in Ottawa which form the backbone of the Government case against its employees and others accused of conspiracy.

The documents disclosed, the prosecutor alleged, that Soviet agents as early as March 23, 1945, knew of Canadian atomic work and were instructing their Canadian co-operators to report on it.

That many meetings between Soviet agents and Canadians were held at night on street corners.

That Canadians were given orders through the Soviet embassy; and

That "the director," heretofore identified only that way, was "the chief of intelligence Headquarters" in Moscow.

The documents were identified by Igor Gouzenko, former code clerk in the Soviet embassy who is a leading Government witness.—Associated Press.

EMPEROR WORSHIP

Washington, Mar. 24. Approximately 90 per cent of the Japanese people desire to keep Emperor Hirohito in power as a symbol of national unity, George Atcheson, political advisor to General MacArthur, said last night in a radio address.

Atcheson said the importance of emperor worship in Japan had been exaggerated, and while the Japanese were grateful to the throne for stopping the war, they do not worship him as a god.—Associated Press.

Red Press Attack On America

(By Sylvain Mangeot)
London, March 24.

The United States is now being included in the Soviet propaganda attacks with charges that American troops are being maintained in Iceland in violation of the United States-Iceland agreement providing for their withdrawal immediately after the end of the war.

This new attack is part of the recent noticeable shift in emphasis of Soviet propaganda, which is now concentrating on comments on the present of British or American troops in various parts of the world.

It provides a sound indication of the Soviet attitude at the Security Council when Russia will be called on to answer charges of maintaining troops in Iran in violation of international treaty.

It can readily be deduced that Moscow intends to counter criticisms of her action in Iran by drawing attention to the presence of British or American troops elsewhere and alleging that this constitutes a breach of the U.N.O. Charter, must as much as that of Russian troops in Iran.

Soviet broadcasters from Moscow seek to show that Indonesia, which formed the subject of the Ukrainian complaint before the Security Council at its last meeting, is still a threat to peace, while on Greece Soviet propaganda continues to claim that the coming elections will be invalid since they are being held only under British pressure and with the continued presence of British troops.

There have also been discourses on the struggle for independence of Syria and Lebanon without any references to the recent Anglo-French agreement on the withdrawal from Lebanon. A writer in the naval newspaper "Red Fleet" has also reported that Palestine is being built by the British into a first class naval and military base and an important centre of British political and financial influence.

Tactical Move

The recent evacuation by the Soviet of the Danish Baltic Sea island of Bornholm is seen as another tactical move in the same general strategy.

In citing instances of the retention of Allied troops abroad in Allied territory to counter the Iranian charges, the Soviet delegation will be able to put forward their voluntary withdrawal from Bornholm as proof of the sincerity of their intentions.

As this new line in Soviet propaganda is gradually built up, observers here are wondering whether the New York meeting of the Security Council will witness the repetition of the events in London, when the lodging of the first Iranian complaint was immediately followed by Soviet and Ukrainian nations on Greece and Indonesia.—Reuter.

"Shameless Demagoguery"

London, March 24. Moscow radio yesterday declared that democracy as never before "is being made an object of shameless demagoguery."

Most of a dozen Moscow broadcasts within the last 24 hours critical of the international situation were directed against British foreign, colonial and domestic policies.

Referring to the situation in Indonesia, the commentator V. Nikitin broadcast "The British and Dutch" authorities in Indonesia, after rejecting an investigation into the situation there by the U.N.O., are striving to pursue their policy without any interference or control from outside."

The commentator Leo Volynsky criticised the "democratisation of Japan," saying "this has been in the hands of high ranking bureaucrats."—Associated Press.

ATOMIC TESTS

New Orleans, Mar. 24. Secretary of the Navy Forrestal said atomic tests still are planned definitely, with the first about July 1 and the others possibly in December or January.

"The postponement is not indefinite," he said. "The matter was discussed in a cabinet meeting and the delay was determined upon for the reasons stated by President Truman."—Associated Press.

Russian Proposal Unpractical

Washington, Mar. 23.

The Egyptian delegate to the Security Council, Hassan Mahmud Pasha, told Reuter today: "The Russian proposal that the meeting be postponed is unpractical. The agenda is full of important and urgent topics and most delegates have come from all corners of the earth."

Muscatelli said: "Both parties will be asked to produce their arguments and my decision will be based on the merits of their arguments. Egypt will stand for law and justice."

He said that he had not yet been instructed to raise any special questions at the forthcoming session of the Council. But he added: "Egypt's demand that all British troops quit the country will be carried to the Security Council if the British fail to comply with this demand during the discussions of the Anglo-Egyptian treaty."

"This is my personal opinion and I hope that we shall reach a satisfactory agreement with Britain and not have to raise the question further."—Reuter.

Fascists In Hungary

London, Mar. 24.

Marshal Tito was quoted by Prague radio as charging that fascist elements in Hungary have become reagent, and that they have begun an underground movement against Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia. Tito's accusations were made at a press conference in Prague.—Associated Press.

PORTUGAL CENSORED STALIN'S SPEECH

London, March 24.

Dispatches to the Portuguese press quoting Generalissimo Stalin's answers to questions submitted by Associated Press Correspondent Eddy Gilmore were killed by censors, it was learned here yesterday.

The explanation in London was that the Portuguese press and radio can publish only "unpleasant" reports on Stalin.

But the remarks of Mr. Winston Churchill, made as the former British Prime Minister was leaving the United States, that he never liked Communism and believed France was making a mistake in closing the Spanish border, were given front-page display in every newspaper in the Portuguese capital.

Emir Pleased With Treaty

(By Jon Kimche)

London, March 24.

Emir Abdullah of Transjordan, in an interview with me today expressed his great satisfaction at the new treaty with Britain.

"I have received more than I had hoped," he said. Some economic details remain to be settled but he said that he had given his word to Mr. Bevin not to divulge the text of the treaty until it was laid before Parliament next week.

Emir Abdullah said that he has not so far contemplated a treaty between Transjordan and Turkey on the lines of the new Turkish Iraqi treaty. He also thought it was too early to discuss the creation of a joint Palestine and Transjordan authority to harness the water of the Jordan for mutual irrigation purposes. In any case, that is the Zionist idea, he added.—Reuter.

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ENGLISH STANDARDS OF LIFE AT STAKE

BIRMINGHAM, MAR. 24. BRITAIN NEEDS AN EXPORT TRADE ALMOST DOUBLE THAT BEFORE THE WAR, DECLARED THE PRIME MINISTER, MR. CLEMENT ATTLEE, IN A SPEECH HERE TO-NIGHT.

"WE MUST NOT ONLY GAIN IT IN THIS TIME OF TRANSITION WHEN THERE IS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD A GREAT SHORTAGE OF CONSUMABLE GOODS BUT WE MUST MAINTAIN IT STEADILY IN YEARS TO COME" HE SAID.

"Perhaps our greatest asset to-day is inventiveness, our scientists' and technicians' skill, our workers' and managers' and the adaptability of our people."

"I know how often in war we had to improvise. We had to improvise manpower and materials. We had to depart from old methods and old customs. The same is true in these critical days. We are faced with a serious shortage of manpower. Just as in war we shall have to reinforce with female labour. We shall have to use older and less fit sections of our population."

"We must use skilled brains. I recall very well how during the war there was a contest between our scientists and those of the enemy. And again and again the enemy would produce some new device. Our scientists never failed to counter it, nor did they stop at that. We also got ahead of the enemy by many devices. We always saw a difficulty as a thing to be overcome. We rejected over and over again the idea that something or other was impossible."

"In the war against want in which we are now engaged, those responsible for the management of industry must make as full a use of scientists as did the War Cabinet in the fight for freedom."

Speaking about labour problems, Mr. Attlee said: "We are rightly proud in this country that we have built a great machinery for the settlement of disputes. I think that in this we have set an example to the world. Having set up this

machinery, it is folly not to use it."

Heartening Signs

The English standard of life was at stake, he said, adding: "We cannot afford unnecessary stoppages in our work. We have come through a very difficult period. This first winter after war, we are by no means at the end of our difficulties but there are many heartening signs. Our export trade is steadily expanding. In we can get over the next 12 months without industrial difficulties at home we shall be well on the way to recovery."

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Oil Behind Iran Dispute

New York, March 24.

When one digs deep enough into the United Nations Soviet dispute over Iran, one strikes oil. Petroleum experts and geologists draw a rough oil map of Iran to-day to illustrate some sub-surface reasons for the fight now faced by the UNO Security Council.

Northern Iran, where the presence of Russian troops has caused so much controversy, is potentially rich in oil. The Azerbaijan province which adjoins Soviet territory in the North — was once known as the "Land of Fire" because of the flames from natural gas vents and open oil seepages. According to the best information available, this area is now producing comparatively little oil because of the lack of development.

In South-West Iran huge quantities of oil are being produced under concession to the Anglo-Iranian Oil Co., Ltd., which is under British control. Unofficial figures place the production there at around 385,000 barrels of crude oil daily, from 51 wells.

Most of Iran, particularly the area along the Persian Gulf, is potentially oil bearing. None of this area is under concession as yet, but a number of American oil companies are frankly interested in it, including the Standard Oil Co. As late as 1944, the Sinclair Oil Co. tried to obtain a 200,000 square mile area in Eastern Iran, the area extending from Afghanistan to the Baluchistan border, or at least a portion of it.

Unusual Set-Up

While no American oil concerns are operating in Iran, there are some in Northern Iraq, close to the troubled area. Under an unusual setup, 95 per cent of the Iraq Petroleum Co. is owned by joint American, British, French and Dutch concerns. Approximately one quarter of the national interests involved in a geographical basis, some of the richest Soviet oil fields lie immediately to the North of the Iranian border, on both sides of the Caspian Sea. The Iranian Government has taken the position that she will not discuss oil concessions while foreign troops remain on her soil.

There lies one of the causes of the dispute.—Associated Press.

THE WEATHER

To-day's forecast: Cloudy with occasional drizzle in the morning and evening.

Yesterday's temperature:—
Maximum: — 65 degrees at noon.
Minimum: — 63 degrees at 7 a.m.
Maximum humidity: — 95 per cent.

Bombay, March 24. Twenty-five were injured today in an outbreak of riot groups of the All-India Congress party and Communist supporters. Brickbats, bottles and other missiles were freely.—Associated Press.

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Franco

The hopes cherished by the democratic Powers that after the defeat of Hitler, General Franco would bow to the inevitable and voluntarily retire from the Spanish political scene have not been realized. Strict non-intervention, together with the maintenance of full diplomatic relations, have failed to create the atmosphere for a bloodless transition.

On the contrary, Franco has lately grown in arrogance and strength. He has tightened his grip on the internal political life of Spain, rebuffed the overtures of the Monarchists, and loosed his execrations among the imprisoned leaders of the Left. It was never the intention of the Western Powers that Franco should remain in power. His regime was condemned at Potsdam, and more recently Mr. Bevin spoke for the British people as well as for the Government when he expressed his "detestation" of the Franco dictatorship. In none of the democratic countries is it forgotten for a moment that Franco was brought to power by the armed intervention of Mussolini and Hitler, with whom he subsequently conspired in the world conspiracy now being exposed at Nuremberg. Franco must go, and since one method of hastening his departure has failed, another must be tried. The French Government has begun the process of severing relations with Spain, and it is to be hoped that the British and American Governments will quickly follow suit. There are other measures that can usefully be taken. The Americans propose a three-power declaration condemning the regime and urging the Spanish people themselves to establish an interim Government until such time as Spain can express her wishes at the polls. France has agreed to this course, and Britain should do so. France has also suggested that the Spanish question should be brought before the Security Council of U.N.O. This too, is a sound proposal, for it is necessary to mobilize the greatest possible pressure on the widest possible front. It is to be hoped that the U.S. State Department will publish the documents it has prepared from captured German material showing Franco's wartime complicity with the Axis. On many questions which have arisen since the end of the war the United Nations have shown little unity of purpose. But on the need for getting rid of Franco the former Allies see eye to eye. Firm concerted action would dislodge the last of Hitler's satellites and rid the world of a mischievous element subversive of peace and order.

Canton Needs Cholera Vaccine

Dr. Frank H. Herrington, Chief Medical Officer of the U.N.R.R.A., Kwangtung Regional Office, left yesterday for Shanghai to present personally to the U.N.R.R.A. and C.N.R.R.A. headquarters there the grave necessity of sending to Canton at least one million doses of cholera vaccine, a quantity of DDT, and equipment necessary for the purification of water and for carrying out an immunization programme.

Dr. Herrington's urgent mission is necessitated by the increase in the number of cholera cases in Canton. According to information secured by the U.N.R.R.A. headquarters from Pong Pin Hospital authorities alone, there have been 153 cases of cholera there in the first 22 days of March. Sixty-two deaths have been reported.

COCKTAIL PARTY

The Maharajah of Jaipur was guest of honour at a cocktail party held at the Gloucester Hotel yesterday evening. Among those present were Admiral Lord Fraser, Admiral Sir Cecil Harcourt, Commodore W. A. D. Brooker, Commodore P. Everett and Colonel Welch.

Unification Of China No Nearer Now

(By HAROLD K. MILKS)

CHUNGKING, MARCH 24. THE UNIFICATION OF CHINA'S DISPUTING FACTIONS, WHICH APPEARED NOT ONLY POSSIBLE BUT PROBABLE WHEN GENERAL GEORGE MARSHALL LEFT 12 DAYS AGO TO REPORT DIRECTLY TO PRESIDENT TRUMAN, APPEARS TO BE FURTHER AWAY FROM THIS COUNTRY.

THE OPTIMISM THAT MARSHALL EXPRESSED AS HE FLEW TO WASHINGTON TO SEEK FURTHER ASSISTANCE FOR CHINA HAS BEEN DARKENED BY THE GROWING EVIDENCES OF DISTINCT NON-COOPERATION ON THE PART OF THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS AND THE KUOMINTANG LEADERS.

Foreign diplomatic sources in Chungking are taking an extremely pessimistic view of the internal situation. They say Marshall's powerful personality and influence were the dominating factors in forcing the unification agreement and without it, the situation is "rapidly getting out of hand."

During the past few months, when Marshall was struggling to first obtain the cease-fire agreement and then to bring the Communists and Kuomintang heads together on the question of unification, Government violations of agreements were usually attributed to poor communications or the personal ambitions of local Commanders.

To-day, defections from the path toward national unity cannot be covered up by these old excuses, since the people most concerned are in the very highest positions in both factions.

Significant

General Chou En-lai, Communist number two and a member of the powerful committee of three, sounded the keynote of his party's dissatisfaction in the press conference wherein he threatened that his party would withdraw from the prospective reorganization of the national Government, unless the Kuomintang ceased what he called its efforts to preserve one party rule in China.

Chou En-lai's strong attack against Chiang Kai-shek's party is significant in view of the fact it was Chou himself, who in recent weeks, has been particularly outspoken in demanding that the Communists themselves give ground in order to preserve this march toward a unified China.

Several times, during Marshall's tour of "trouble areas" which immediately preceded his flight to Washington, Chou En-lai, in the words of Marshall himself, "leaned over backwards" to ease the friction with the Central Government.

Communist Objections

The Central Government spokesman, described Chou's statement and other published pronouncements by Communists as "propaganda and smoke-screen," designed to cover the Communists' efforts to seize military control of Manchuria. The Communists particularly objected to these matters:

(1) The reported decision of the Kuomintang Congress that the Kuomintang must approve selections of other parties for representation on the state council which, Communists say, shows that one party rule has not been abolished.

(2) What the Communists said were efforts by the Kuomintang to organize 51 labour corps in violation of the agreement reducing the Government military forces to 50 divisions.

(3) The failure of the Central Government to approve the request for sending troops to Manchuria immediately to halt hostilities there and to investigate conditions.

Foreign Opinion

Foreign observers who have watched developments with the keenest interest assert that both Communist and Kuomintang factions are taking advantage of General Marshall's absence to attempt to gain the advantage over the opposition.

One observer said "Marshall's personal influence, is not only important; without it the agreements thus far reached would never be developed. He has the ability to take the opponents in the Chinese internal dispute and bump their heads together until the argument is settled without giving either side offense. But he had better hurry back, if progress toward the ending of the civil strife, made before he departed, is to be continued."—Associated Press.

Russians To Leave Manchuria

Chungking, March 24. The Chinese Government has received a note from the Soviet Government stating that all Soviet forces will be withdrawn from Manchuria by the end of April, it was announced here to-day.

Dr. Wang Shih-chieh, Chinese Foreign Minister, told the People's Political Council to-day that China will respect the Sino-Soviet treaty but will give no further concessions.

Under the Sino-Soviet treaty signed last August, China and Russia agreed to give each other all possible economic help in the postwar period, to work together in close cooperation and to respect each other's sovereignty and territorial rights.—Reuter.

Readers' Letters

"Bachelors Qrs."

Sir,—I have a few suggestions to give to correspondent "Voice in the Wilderness" whose piece is taken away by prostitutes living around.

To prevent prospective customers in search of prostitutes knocking at our door, my husband and I wrote "Bachelors Qrs." on our door. This has the required effect.

Whenever I go out into the street I take the trouble to carry a light cane basket with me, and I am even free from the courting eyes of the "Johnnies."

Prostitution is a history-old vice inherent in our economical system. As long as our present economical system remains, there is this evil. But there is at least one country in the world which has done away with this evil. The land of the "yellow ticket" rid itself of prostitution and made tremendous strides against its twin evil, venereal disease. The Soviet woman no longer had to face the humiliation of an ancient and scorned profession, wrote Miss Rose Maurer of America in "Survey Graphic".

Modern Verse

Sir,—"Philosophia" asserts that I have consistently "let" written only one letter! I ignored his contention that "if we re-unite these factors (the inhumanity of life and the sentiment of art) they will produce a unified humanity and sentiment in both spheres." If he re-reads my letter he will find that, far from ignoring the matter, I devoted a paragraph to it which needs no further emphasis.

On the definition of Philosophy I see that "Philosophia" is indulging in sophistry. Of course I am aware that anything which is the product of humans must have humanity in it, therefore, on this reasoning, Philosophy must have feeling in it.

If he chooses to overlook a previous statement I made, that, "the feeling allowed to creep in the nearer the truth must be the philosophy." I will add now that if one wishes to find "pure" philosophy he must be prepared to take an objective view, standing apart from feelings. This should be readily understood if it is admitted that the emotions bias the judgement and are a barrier to the intellect's better functioning.

If art is to follow in the path of philosophy it is inevitable that art will eventually become deprived of feeling. After having written so much against the "cheap and nasty" products of sentimentality, it is strange to see "Philosophia" talk so much of introducing "reality" into art. The reality, the very fact of feeling, is the basis of art, and then we are shown that a contemporary poet is sentimental. I suppose the modern poet is permitted to be sentimental, but

MENINGITIS

Shanghai, Mar. 24. The Bureau of Public Health has warned parents to keep their children out of theatres and public gatherings because of minor outbreaks of epidemic meningitis. At the same time, the local quarantine service says that ships from Fukien province must go through quarantine to prevent the spread of the plague from Foochow and Amoy to Shanghai. — Associated Press.

AUSTRALIA AND CHINA

Chungking, Mar. 24. Doctor Douglas Copeland, new Australian Minister to China, presented his credentials to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek yesterday.

At a news conference, Copeland said Australia would take a sympathetic interest in China's effort to promote national unity and commerce, a great task of national reconstruction under Chiang Kai-shek's distinguished leadership.

He added "Australia recognizes also that a stable, strong China is a fundamental condition to peace in the whole Pacific area." He said further that wool, wheat, steel products and farm machinery products could be exported to China from Australia, freely.—Associated Press.

Tokyo, Mar. 24. It is estimated that 10,000,000 war victims, several hundred thousand families who lost relatives during the war, and 1,000,000 reparations, require public assistance in Japan. Kyodo News Agency, there are over 800,000 households requiring assistance.—Associated Press.

Good Pickings For Yangtse Bandits

Chungking, March 24.

This should be a profitable year for one "economic group" in China — the bandits of the upper Yangtse River. These gangsters, though usually they resort to a show of arms and persuasive voices rather than actual violence, have had some extremely poor pickings during the long years of the Sino-Japanese war.

With the transfer of the national capital from Chungking to Nanking crowding every available transport from tiny junks to the biggest up-river steamers, gangsters who live by preying on river travellers are preparing for a busy season.

Hundreds of government key officials and their employees will fly the 1,000-mile trip to Nanking as the government moves next month, but thousands more must take the water route as soon as the summer flood rises from the waters of the Yangtse from its present low-point, which is at the minimum level for more than 40 years. If bandit leaders have their way, every traveller will pay them "passage tax," either voluntarily or at gun-point.

These bandit gangs have been infesting the Yangtse River for so many years that their power to halt river travellers and demand monetary assistance has become almost a legal right. During normal times, travellers on the Yangtse boats usually allow sufficient money beyond the stated cost of the ticket, to pay one or more "taxes" to the bandits.

Normal Approach

The normal bandit approach is that of being "returning soldiers" who are seeking to reach a distant home. At the boat landings along the Yangtse, uniformed men often board the vessels paying little or no attention to the armed soldier guard which the government assigns to most vessels. The spokesman of the men, or bandits, explains that they are unfortunate soldiers whom the Government has abandoned without money to buy food to continue homeward.

It is obvious that the show of arms is a great support to the voluntary contributions are forthcoming. In some cases reported here, where money was refused them, the bandits used violence, slaying all the crewmen and passengers and looting the ship of its cargo.

The Chinese Government will make every effort to curb the hungry outlaws. Larger junks and steamers are transferring government personnel and their families to Nanking, and they will have special escorts of reinforced guards. But it is impossible to

supply enough guards on every river transport to give adequate strength for protection because if that is done there is no room on the boats for the passengers.

That is why the Yangtse bandits are licking their chops and waiting for the river to rise to bring an end to their long period of starvation. Most river travellers, when budgeting themselves for their Nanking trip, will probably include a few thousand national dollars extra, for the payment of the "river passage tax."—Associated Press.

Cost Of Living In Canton

Canton, Mar. 24.

Cost of living in Canton has gone up another 20 per cent during the past several days, attributed in part to the jump of the Hong Kong dollar to C.N.\$435.

Many goods such as cassia, vegetables and even rice were sent to Hong Kong because of the higher value of the Hong Kong dollar.

At the same time, various supplies come from abroad via Hong Kong, which require payment in Hong Kong dollars. Therefore its value went up particularly on March 19. Prices of these imported goods are going up, especially canned food.

Rele rice is coming in almost daily and various ways of distribution were announced by the press. There is yet no official announcement of the distribution of the relief rice, which is urgently needed.

The cost of living in Canton is believed to be among the highest of cities in China, but business in general is slack.

The Central Bank of China is not yet selling exchange rates although such facility has been available in Shanghai since March 5. Many people here say they are in urgent need of American currency to order goods.—Associated Press.

China Pacific's Most Serious Problem

Washington, March 23.

Maintenance of American armed forces in China until the Nationalist and Communist factions have united is vital to the future of the United States, says Representative Pease (Democrat of Texas). Upon his return from a tour of the Pacific with a Congressional Committee, the Texan said in an interview that the Chinese situation is by far the most serious and fundamental of all the problems facing the United States in the Pacific.

"It is perfectly clear that we must keep an adequate force there until the Chinese achieve some real unity and establish an effective government," he said.

"Otherwise there is a very strong possibility that the entire area will be occupied by foreign forces."

Just now a relatively small force of American marines are preventing any aggressive action in North China without any conflict. As long as this force remains there, it seems probable that there will be no trouble. Should it be removed before China is able to protect herself it is entirely likely that we would be forced a little later on to use vastly greater forces to protect ourselves from the threat of a foreign-controlled China.

Most Hopeful

The Texan declared that the result of conference of the Chinese factions "are most hopeful," and added that "if it is possible to secure a real government in China it will shortly be possible to reduce our forces there."

While in the Philippines Pease and the other Congressmen had dinner with President Sergio Osmeña. Of the situation there, he said "undoubtedly there are a lot of people there who in a secret ballot would vote against independence, but they can't openly come out with such a position."

FLORIAN

UNEASINESS IN HARBIN

Chungking, March 24.

Central News reports that there is a strong current of uneasiness in Harbin into which an estimated 5,000 Communists have infiltrated, although Soviet troops are garrisoned right at the city limits to prevent the entry of unauthorized armed persons or forces.

Another dispatch reports that the Communists are continuing their attacks on Shansi, a town in Chungyang, which has been under siege for the past six months. The dispatch also said that Communists are attacking the rail town of Wensi, in South-Western Shansi, which has been under siege for the last two months.

Other Chinese dispatches said that Chinese Government troops are advancing toward the communist-held rail junction city of Ping Kai, of Sze-Ping-kai, 100 miles North of Mukden, as Communists continued to sabotage all forms of communications between Mukden and Changchun.

Dispatches say that in view of the difficulty in taking over the North Manchurian province of Heilongjiang, all Government appointed officials are leaving Changchun for Peiping shortly.

The "World Daily News" reports a large number of Communist troops are massing in Jehol, where it is believed they are planning "new attacks" against Government forces.—Associated Press.

WONG WEN-HAO TO RESIGN?

Chungking Mar. 24.

The Ministry of Economic Affairs confirms the report that Doctor Wong Wen-hao, Vice-President of the Executive Yuan and Minister of Economic Affairs, had submitted his resignation and that it is under consideration by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

Doctor T. V. Scow has been quoted as saying that the resignation is likely not to be accepted because no competent successor is available.—Associated Press.

"SLANDER"

Moscow, Mar. 24.

The withdrawal of the Red Army from Manchuria has been speeded by warmer weather, the army newspaper "Red Star" said yesterday. It said the withdrawal was originally delayed by two Chinese requests and then due to the cold weather conditions. The paper blamed "Chinese reactionaries" for the slanderous campaign of criticism.—Associated Press.

STALIN'S SPEECH

Moscow, Mar. 24.

Thousands of people queued all over Moscow to buy newspapers featuring Generalissimo Stalin's responses to Associated Press questions on the prospects of peace. All papers followed the lead of "Pravda" and "Izvestia" in giving top place to the story.—Associated Press.

Rescue Party Reaches Crashed B-17

Tokyo, March 23.

A rescue party from an American repatriation mission has made its way on foot through rugged terrain in Formosa to the wreckage of the Army B-17 which has been missing since March 19 with Major-General James Parker, commander of the 20th air force and nine others aboard.

The party failed to report whether there are any survivors, announced Lieut. General Ennis C. Whitehead.

Meantime, planes from the 18th air force in Luzon are carrying paratrooper rescue parties cruising over the area in an attempt to locate and reach the wreckage which thus far has not been sighted from the air, said Whitehead who is Commander of the Pacific Air Command.

A message from Formosa to Whitehead said that the ground rescue party has reached the "burned wreck" of the plane. Apparently relayed by natives to the nearest repatriation com-

tro, the message from the rescuers made no mention of survivors.

Location of the exact spot of the wreck in the Formosa area where terrain is as rugged as the wildest section of the American Rockies, is difficult to determine from the existing maps which do not show a village list, as the nearest settlement, said Whitehead. He said the planes cruising the area are carrying the necessary equipment for medical and other aid and to establish radio communications at the scene in the event they can find the spot. So far, it is known there are no landings fields anywhere near the scene.—Associated Press.

PALESTINE AS BIG BASE

Haifa Naval Centre, Says Soviet

Briton Who Had No Conscience

San Francisco, March 24. Berthel Alexander McKenzie, British subject, to-day told Federal Judge Michael Roche: "To me a hungry stomach has no conscience and I took the job of radio announcer for the Japanese."

McKenzie testified this in pleading guilty to a charge of stowing away on the steamship "Flying Mist" near Shanghai. He was sentenced to six months imprisonment.

Roche remarked that would give the authorities time to look into McKenzie's record. The latter said that after leaving on a ship in Hong Kong in 1941 after a row over pay he went to Shanghai to get a passport when the Japanese approached him about his advertisement.

An F. B. I. agent testified that Henry Sparks, San Francisco, told him that McKenzie said on one occasion "I am going to work for the enemy."

Story In The "Red Fleet"

MOSCOW, March 24. BRITAIN IS CONVERTING PALESTINE INTO A FIRST CLASS NAVAL AND MILITARY BASE, ACCORDING TO AN ARTICLE TO-DAY IN THE NEWSPAPER "RED FLEET," ORGAN OF THE SOVIET NAVAL DEPARTMENT.

"JUDGING BY THE NUMBER OF INDICATIONS, PALESTINE IS GRADUALLY BEING TRANSFORMED INTO ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT BASES FOR BRITISH ARMED FORCES IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN," SAID THE ARTICLE.

Expressing the view that Britain is developing strategic positions in Palestine, having little in common with the "humanitarian considerations" expressed by British diplomats, the article quotes foreign press reports, especially Swiss, that British troops are being transferred from Egypt, Syria and Lebanon to Palestine, where large military establishments are being built.

The writer of the article mentioned a Swiss newspaper report that Haifa is to be more important for the Royal Navy than Malta or Alexandria and added: "A network of factories, plants and workshops has been created in Palestine to serve naval and military needs."

Air Terminus

The article also referred to reports that the terminus of air

services from Saudi Arabia is to be in Palestine, that a railway from Haifa to Baghdad has been planned and that a few days ago, the Anglo-American Palestine Commission heard a report on a projected canal with big hydro-electric stations and an irrigation system to be built with American money.

The article claims that the biggest enterprises in Palestine are controlled by British capital and companies.

"The dispute for the country between Arabs and Zionists is doubtless interesting to the British authorities from the viewpoint that the quarrel consolidates their position in Palestine," the article concluded.

ANGLO-FRENCH "FIGHT"

London, Mar. 24. English and French capital is engaged in a "severe fight" for the control of important air and naval bases in the Middle East.

Moscow radio in a broadcast heard here by the Associated Press, said that "the struggle of the peoples of Syria and Lebanon for their independence and their demand for the removal of the English and French troops at the Security Council of the United Nations, have turned the attention of the whole world to the problem of Syria and Lebanon," the broadcast declared.

The broadcast suggested that the "fight" is based on the importance of Syria and Lebanon as bases for air, communications and naval bases.

Whaler Disabled In Antarctic

Capetown, Mar. 24. The black, stormy Antarctic autumn was closing on a partly disabled Norwegian whaling ship today 2,000 miles from Capetown, her nearest port of call.

The ship radioed that she had been partly disabled on the whaling grounds, and that she was making for this port as bad weather began driving all the whales out of the Southern Polar Seas. The vessel was said to have got no more than a third of her capacity in oil cargo when she abandoned further hunting.

Her troubles, not detailed, developed shortly after Britain and Norway agreed to extend the season for one month in the hope of getting badly needed supplies.

CONUNDRUM NOT ANSWERED

Washington, Mar. 24. Senator Vandenberg stated last night that the United Nations "cannot survive in its present form" if Russia and America ever fell apart. He added that there never need be war between Russia and the United States if common sense and realism shall govern our foreign policies in Washington and Moscow.

Vandenberg said the U.N.O. progress thus far has been encouraging but the answer was still missing to the "paramount conundrum of modern times—what's Russia up to now?"

HOOPER RECEIVED BY PONTIFF

Rome, March 24. Ex-President Herbert Hoover, honorary chairman of President Truman's famine emergency committee, said after a 25-minute audience with Pope Pius that he found the Pontiff "intensely interested" in the food problem and "very anxious about the famine situation in the world."

The other members of Hoover's entourage also were presented to

ATOM BOMB DELAY DECISION

Washington, Mar. 24. The White House said yesterday that President Truman's order to postpone the atomic bomb tests in the Pacific was issued so that more congressmen could witness the experiment.

The President's press secretary, Charles Ross, said the decision was not "sudden," and could not be related in any way to Generalissimo Stalin's expression of confidence in the United Nations Organisation.

Ross said he had planned to announce the postponement on Saturday morning, but some one in the Navy, "or elsewhere," saw fit to put it out the night before, and when the news began to leak out the White House decided to make the formal statement.

Senator James W. Hoffman, Ohio Democrat, recommended that the atom bomb test be cancelled entirely. The cost, he said, would be sheer folly, and the world did not require further convincing of the bomb's effectiveness.

"Let us turn from destructive weapons to building world cooperation and perpetual peace," he declared.

Later, two officials closely connected with preparations for the atom bomb tests stated that the tests might be postponed indefinitely.

"The tests," said one, "may well be delayed until everybody is pulling together."

Washington, Mar. 24. The famous Japanese cherry trees around Washington tidal basin are in full bloom and the park police are prepared for a Sunday crowd of 250,000 visitors.

FOOD ROBBERS AT WORK IN GERMANY

Hamburg, March 24. If the present German ration of 1,000 calories daily in the British zone is not increased within six weeks or two months, it will have "a pronounced effect" on the population, a British public health officer said yesterday.

"For the next six weeks, the Germans will be able to get along fairly well on their physical reserve already built up, but if the normal ration scale is not supplemented, you will see a pronounced effect," he predicted.

Meanwhile, more bread stores in Hamburg have been broken into during the night, despite extra police patrols.

A 45-year old woman, who had used up her month's ration of bread hanged herself in her home, and another hungry housewife committed suicide by throwing herself in front of a train.

The control commission in an official statement issued here yesterday denied that there have been any "bread riots" as such in this city and said that "law and order prevails."

The statement said "the people as a whole is not determined to obtain bread illegally, but if they see a chance to obtain it in an easy manner, and at only a slight risk, they will, of course take it."

The situation in Hamburg was said to have improved within the last few days, said the statement, adding "It is well to keep in mind that an unlawful assembly does not constitute a riot, unless its acts are executed in a violent and turbulent manner to be a terror to the people."

FEASTING BEFORE FIGHTING

Tehran, Mar. 24. Kurdish attacks on the Iranian garrisons in northern Kurdistan appear to have been called off for the duration of the New Year (New Year Holidays) an American, long resident in Tehran, said yesterday.

"The Kurds might even be asking the Persian troops to come over and join them in the New Year feasting. They will certainly cease military action at this time."

Train Robbers

Nuremberg, Mar. 24. Gangs of food train robbers are active in the Nuremberg area.

The police to-day fired on four men who were breaking into railway wagons at a junction outside the city.

One of the men—a railway worker—was killed. Two others were caught and arrested and the search for the fourth man was continuing this afternoon.

the Pope, Earlier in the day, Hoover conferred with the Italian premier, Alcide De Gasperi, presumably on the same subject.

General Air Victim

Washington, Mar. 24. The War Department yesterday announced the death of Major-General James E. Parker in the crash of his Army Flying Fortress in northern Formosa. Listed as missing were nine other officers and men aboard. Parker was the commander of the 20th Air Force.

The crash of the Army plane occurred at the north end of Formosa in wild rugged country while the plane was en route from Shanghai.

ATOM BOMB A JIG-SAW

Los Angeles, Mar. 24. Major-General Leslie Groves, director of atomic projects for the United States army, declares that the atom bomb secrets are safe.

He explains that "a bomb project is like a giant jigsaw puzzle with 100,000 pieces. A chance betrayal by one or two of our scientists might reveal five or ten pieces, but it would mean almost nothing."

Major-General Groves is in Los Angeles inspecting ships that are being prepared here for the bomb tests at Bikini Atoll.

UNDIPLOMATIC MINISTER

Boston, Mar. 24. George H. Enck, former U.S. Minister to Bulgaria, said here he would use the atom bomb on Russia to get her "back to her own territory."

Arriving by airplane from Istanbul, the one-time Democratic governor of the state of Pennsylvania declared Russia is "the greatest danger that ever threatened America."

Enck said Russia should be given an ultimatum to "get back to her own territory and if they refused I would use the atom bomb on them while we have it, and before they get it."

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The Hong Kong Section of the Directory has been suspended since 1941 and the present is a useful opportunity of bringing it up-to-date in the general interest.

Prompt action is requested as the material must be posted to London early in April.

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British System As An Example

London, March 24. The belief that many misunderstandings in foreign policy could be cleared up if countries followed the British example of having "question time" in the House of Commons, at which the Foreign Secretary could be questioned, was expressed leader of the House of Commons.

Churches Meet In Geneva

Geneva, Mar. 24. Delegates to the world council of churches reconstruction conference which begins on March 28 arrived here yesterday.

Representatives of Belgium, Finland, Poland, Hungary, the Netherlands, Czechoslovakia, France, Italy, Germany, the United States, Britain, Sweden and Switzerland will attend the conference.

Conrad Bonnevill Svendsen representing Norwegian churches, in a preliminary report, described the conditions "in northern Norway, where two-thirds of all church buildings and personages were destroyed. He expressed appreciation for the help provided by American and British funds, but explained that \$2,000,000 will be needed for missionary work under the Arctic Circle in Norway."

In their home countries the delegates are secretaries of reconstruction committees representing Protestant churches. The conferences will open with the presentation of a report by T. Harjunpaa, of Finland.

FOOD MINISTER TO MAKE STATEMENT

London, March 24. The British Minister of Food, Sir Ben Smith, arrived back in Britain from the United States by air this afternoon.

He told Reuters that the United States wanted to do everything possible to relieve the world food situation.

On the question of a possible cut in British fat ration, Sir Ben was reticent.

He said: "I hope to make an announcement on Tuesday after consultation with the Cabinet."

BRITAIN SPEAKS TO RUSSIA

London, Mar. 24. British Broadcasting Corporation broadcasts to Russia will start today—to be on the air for a half hour period three times a day.

Washington, Mar. 24. U.S. Marine Corps' actions were yesterday convicted by a general court martial on two charges of mistreating American prisoners in Okinawa.

His sentence will be announced later.

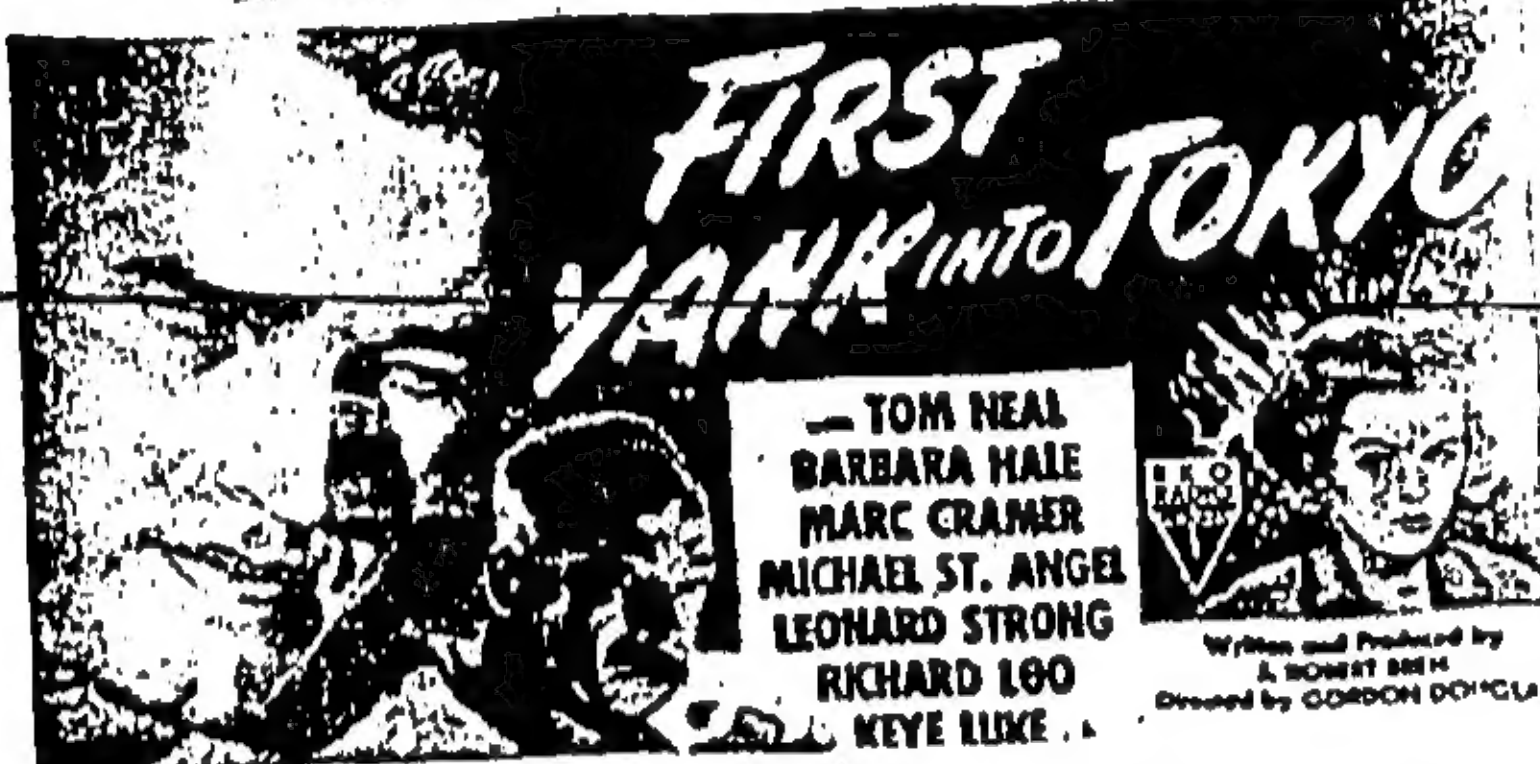
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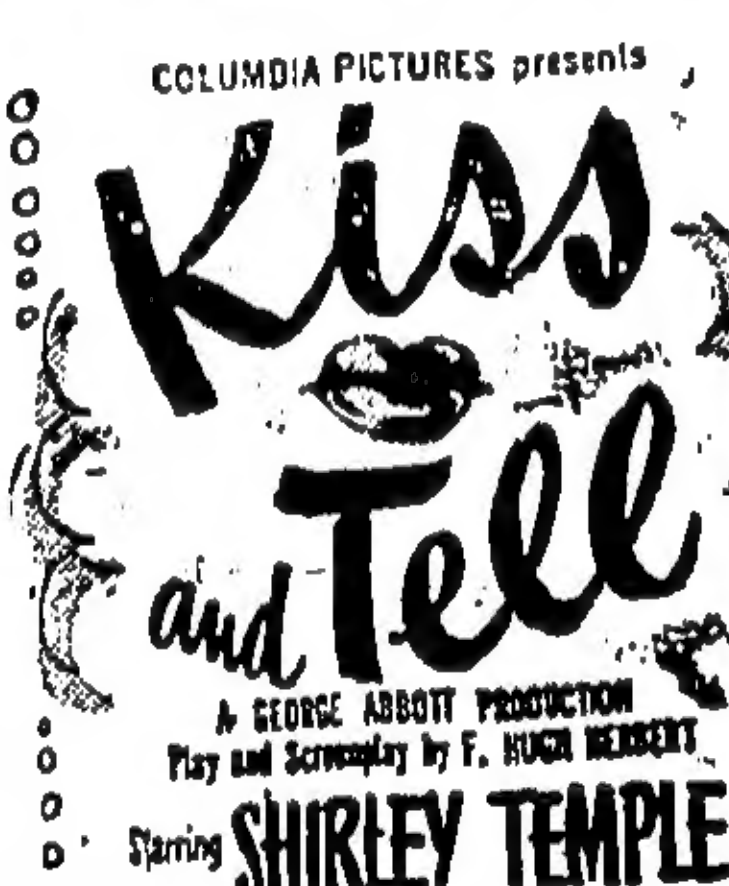
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BRITISH ISSUE WARNING Offensive Against Bandoeng Extremists

"Expert" On Middle East

London, Mar. 24. Soviet opinion last night focussed attention on the Levant as Paris announced that an agreement had been reached between France and Lebanon for the withdrawal of all French troops from Lebanon. British troops are due to leave by June.

"The peoples of Lebanon and Syria insist on a complete, immediate and simultaneous evacuation of their countries by British and French troops," declared Lutskev, Soviet Middle-East expert over the Moscow Radio.

"The peoples of the Levant had waged a struggle for liberation ever since the first world war," Lutskev said and added that "at the back of the acute struggle between France and Britain for predominance in the Levant lies the geographical importance of these territories as naval bases and centres of sea and air communications."

Reuter.

Indonesians In Strong Position

BATAVIA, MARCH 24. ELABORATE STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN BY THE BRITISH TO WARN THE INDONESIANS OF THEIR IMPENDING OPERATION AGAINST THE INDONESIAN EXTREMISTS IN THE BANDOENG AREA. LEAFLETS, BROADCASTS AND PUBLIC ADDRESS UNITS HAVE ALL BEEN EMPLOYED TO WARN THEM TO LEAVE THE AREA OR LAY DOWN THEIR ARMS BY THE LATEST TO-DAY.

The leaflets explain that action is being taken owing to recent heavy Allied casualties and say: "It is hoped to complete the operation without death or injuries. To do this British troops may use tear smoke. Persons caught by tear smoke will recover in a short time."

"Citizens, you have nothing to fear," the leaflets add. "It is known that Dr. Sutan Sjahrir, Indonesian Prime Minister, strongly opposed the recent outbreaks of fighting in the Bandoeng area and attacks on Allied convoys between Batavia and Bandoeng and it is not therefore the intention of the Indonesian Republican Government to protest against the Allied operation."

Furthermore, it was with the object of ensuring that the Dutch-Indonesian constitutional negotiations would not be prejudiced that Dr. Sjahrir was notified of the operation two days ago.

The Indonesian Republican Government may ask the British to postpone the clearing up of southern Bandoeng, due to start at any time after midnight on Sunday.

Strong Force

This development is thought possible as a result of the parleys between Major-General Kartasmita, Indonesian Army officer and local leaders at Bandoeng.

Major-General Kartasmita, who flew to Bandoeng at the request of the Premier, Dr. Sjahrir, returned to Batavia this afternoon. According to the Netherlands News Agency, the extremists in southern Bandoeng are in a position to offer considerable resistance if they wish. During recent weeks they have been erecting many strong-point block-houses and digging trenches, and the southern part of Bandoeng is honeycombed with machine-gun nests.

It is also estimated that the extremists in this area can muster about the same number of men as the combined British and Dutch forces which are detailed for the operation.

Under the shadow of the British ultimatum expiring at midnight on Sunday, eleventh hour negotiations are taking place to-day between Indonesian extremists and "Government" emissaries in an attempt to arrange unopposed British occupation of the southern area of Bandoeng.

Allied Casualties

This clearing operation has been ordered by the Allied Commander-in-Chief, Lieutenant-General. Stopford, as a result of constant firing on Allied positions in which over 100 British troops, Allied prisoners-of-war and internees have been killed or wounded in the past 14 days.

An official spokesman to-day said that the Dutch and Indonesian held a third plenary session lasting 75 minutes at the residence of the British envoy, Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, at which the evacuation of Allied prisoners-of-war and internees from the interior of Java was discussed.

It was also decided to form a juridical sub-committee, which some observers believe will have the vital task of finding an acceptable formula for Indonesia's future status.

The fourth plenary session will take place in the middle of next week.—Reuter.

America's Future Bound Up With Peace

Washington, March 24. President Harry Truman, speaking at the Democratic Party dinner in Washington to-night, warned the American nation that its future welfare was bound up with the peace settlement.

"The future welfare of our country is at stake in the coming peace settlements," he said.

"The happiness and lives of your children and mine are at stake. For their sake, for America and for all humanity, let us rededicate ourselves to the noble cause of peace."

"We Americans must continue to live courageously. The economic, political and social frontiers which still confront all of us offer even greater challenge to our moral stamina and intellectual integrity."

After a strong plea for "Party unity and Party responsibility," the President said: "A tremendous price has been paid for peace and security. Payment began long ago by our brave Allies who first bore the brunt of an all-out aggression. At that time our isolationists were still debating and almost defeating the efforts of the Democratic leaders to improve our national defenses."

Cold Record

"Cold record clearly reveals that our political opponents voted overwhelmingly against the most essential defence measures. When subsequent events proved beyond question their shortsightedness, most of our opponents changed their policy."

The President continued: "America must lead the way to a better world order."

"We seek increasingly close friendship with all nations, and we shall strengthen the foundations of the United Nations."

"Surely we shall never retreat merely because of the dangers along the road of peace and progress. In spite of opposition and all difficulties, we shall attain our goal."—Reuter.

New U.S. Envoy To Britain

Washington, Mar. 24. President Truman yesterday announced that the United States Ambassador to Britain, Mr. John Winant, would become American representative on the United Nations Economic and Social Council.

W. Averell Harriman, former Ambassador to Russia, will succeed Winant as Ambassador in London.

Winant, who was formerly governor of New Hampshire and a former Chairman of the Social Security Board, returned recently to the United States. Yesterday he received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University of California where the speaker on the program was Lieut. General James Doolittle who received a similar degree.—Associated Press.

LEAKS IN ATOM SECRETS

Washington, Mar. 24. Legislation designed to safeguard atomic energy secrets took shape after the Senate heard that an "ominous situation" was presented by the arrest of British scientists who worked in an American laboratory.

After discussing the arrest in London of Dr. Alan Nunn May, Senator Bourke Kickenlooper, Republican, said, "There may be other leaks against which we must keep guard in the broad interests of common defense and preservation of our ability to control this great weapon."—Associated Press.

Close To Mutiny

Syracuse, N.Y., Mar. 24. General Jonathan Wainwright to-day described soldiers' complaints against the Army's "caste system" as sometimes "close to mutinous conduct."

Wainwright said that "the Army should be reasonably democratic."

"At the same time, there has to be a gap between the officers and the enlisted men, if there is to be any discipline. At Corregidor, the same gap existed. If it had not, Corregidor would not have lasted five days."—Associated Press.

Washington, Mar. 23. The Senate yesterday confirmed the nomination of Oscar L. Chapman, of Colorado, to be Under-Secretary of Interior.

Chapman has been Assistant-Secretary in the Department since 1933 and acted as the Department head before J. A. Krug, recently named to succeed Harold Ickes as Secretary of the Interior.—Associated Press.

SKIING CHAMPIONS

Zernatt, Mar. 23. Two of Sweden's leading skiers won the first two places to-day in the International Skiing Championship on a 30-kilometre run.

Karlsson, Swedish 50-kilometre champion, covered the course in 1.1 hour, 52 minutes and 47 seconds, finishing fresh despite heavy snow which made skiing difficult. He was followed by Nils Taapp, Swedish long distance champion, in 1 hour, 53 minutes and 55 seconds.—Associated Press.

Tokyo, Mar. 23. A second mass demonstration against the purchase of rice was reported yesterday by Kyodo News Agency which said that 6,000 farmers marched on to the prefectural office at Atsumi, approximately 70 miles north-west of Tokyo, after receiving notice they would be forced to sell at an official price which they had no intention of accepting.—Associated Press.

Franco Not To Blame If Anything Happens

Madrid, March 24. All responsibility in the event of any incidents that may be provoked by the French on the Pyrenees border will be disclaimed by Spain. Such was the conclusion reached last night during a Cabinet meeting held here under the presidency of General Franco, it is understood in well-informed circles.

The Cabinet discussed Franco-Spanish relations and decided to sound a cautionary note in view of the attitude taken by certain sectors of French public opinion and even members of the French Government towards Spain.

Political circles here declared that the Spanish Government has reason to suspect that French communists are preparing to stage "incidents" on the frontier between Spain and France with the assistance of exiled Spaniards. These provoked a request by the French of armed intervention by "a foreign power" to help France against Spain.

All Spanish papers to-day reproduced a recent article in the Paris daily "l'Espresso" in which the theory was put forward on the lines that the French Communists will lose power unless an excuse can be found for an international incident in which Russian help can be called in. In the opinion of some well-informed circles, the Spanish Government's resolution to disclaim all responsibility for any such incident, follows and reinforces the note from Spain to Britain recently handed in to the British Embassy—accusing Communists in general and French Communists in particular, of organizing not only anti-Spanish campaigns in such places as Toberna, Solia, Athens and Oslo as well as England and America, but also of planning terrorist acts within Spain with the help of Spaniards trained for sabotage in special schools in Southern France.—Reuter.

Spanish Note

London, Mar. 24. A Foreign Office spokesman said yesterday that Britain had received a note from the Spanish Government charging that "campaigns of terrorism" were being organized against Spain by French Communists. The spokesman said the note was also addressed to the United States but he did not disclose whether the notes called for replies.—Associated Press.

Escape Of Suspects

Singapore, Mar. 24. The escape of two Japanese prisoners, described as dangerous war criminals suspects, was officially announced yesterday. The prisoners were reported to have evaded their Indian guards on the north Malayan mainland.

A reward of £100 has been offered for information leading to their recapture.—Associated Press.

Okinawa A Key U.S. Outpost

Manila, March 24. The Army newspaper "Pacifican" to-day said that Okinawa is becoming the key United States military outpost in the Western Pacific. It said the island is rapidly approaching the appearance of a typical American military station, with a complete highway system and other construction rolling along in high gear and a "definite garrison air."

It further said that the "striking power of the 8th air force is concentrated in Okinawa at the enormous Kadena Yontan and other airfields. The island has the appearance of a colossal warehouse piled high with equipment that was not needed for the planned Japanese invasion."—Associated Press.

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Hong Kong, 21st March, 1946.

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Russians'
Actions
Nothing New

London, Mar. 24.
Russian interference in nor-
thern Iran has been "constant,
methodical and deliberate" since
1944 when Russia was refused oil
concessions, an Iranian official
charged yesterday.

A. H. Hamzavi, Iranian Em-
bassy press attache, made the
charge in an account of diploma-
tic relations with the allies since
1941 when British and Russian
troops occupied the country to
thwart Axis moves toward that
country.

Hamzavi said his account was
written after the Russians failed
to withdraw from Iran on March
2.

"Disturbances in Azerbaijan and
Caspian provinces came into pro-
minence not long after this fail-
ure (to make oil grants) while
the Kurds in western Azerbaijan
were incited to throw off their
allegiance to Teheran," he wrote.

He explained the "broad out-
line of Soviet intervention" was
restricted to the Iranian army
and police while the adherents of
the Tudeh (Iranian Leftist)
Party were strengthened by im-
ported undesirable and agitators
from across the northern frontiers
of Iran, who "fomented distur-
bances and encouraged peasants
and labouring classes to disorder
and rebellion." Associated Press.

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The Undersigned have re-
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March, 1946

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Water Cisterns, Buoy, Chains,
Pulleys, Iron Scrap and Chinese
Toilet Paper etc., etc.

The above premises will be
open to inspection on the 23rd
March, 1946, between 10.00 a.m.
and Noon and on the 25th
March, 1946, between 10.00 a.m.
and Noon, and between 2.00 p.m.
and 4.00 p.m.

The Auction is subject to the
Conditions of Sale published in
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Saturday, 9th March, 1946.

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The Undersigned have re-
ceived instructions from The
Custodian of Property to sell by
Public Auction on

Wednesday, the 27th. March
1946

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at the Premises of the
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ting Jade Stone, Cardboard
Paper, Rattan Piel, Crockery
and New Wooden Crates for
Kerosene etc., etc.

The above premises will be
open to inspection on the 25th
and 26th. March 1946, between
10.00 a.m. and Noon and be-
tween 2.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m.

The Auction is subject to the
Conditions of Sale published in
the Hong Kong Gazette dated
Saturday, March, 9th, 1946.

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Statement On Iran
Problem By Premier

TEHRAN, MARCH 24.

THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE RUSSIAN-IRANIAN PRO-
BLEM MIGHT BE SETTLED BEFORE THE SECURITY
COUNCIL MEETS NEXT WEEK WAS MENTIONED
AT A PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY BY THE
IRANIAN PREMIER, QUAVAM ES SULTANEH.

"IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE IF THE COUNCIL MEETS
NOW OR IN 15 DAYS," HE SAID, "IF BY THE TIME
IT DOES MEET WE HAVE NOT SOLVED BY OTHER
MEANS THE FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEM OF THE
EVACUATION OF RED ARMY TROOPS THEN OUR
CASE, UNDER THE SECURITY COUNCIL REGULA-
TIONS, IS TO BE INCLUDED ON THAT ORGANIZA-
TION'S AGENDA.

Quavam added that he was
"quite sure" that a satisfactory
solution would be found.

"The evacuation of Soviet
troops," he continued, "is a fun-
damental problem, its agreement
would solve other problems." The
Azerbaijan problem, which
he termed relatively unimpor-
tant, might be "definitely settled
by negotiation," he said, "as soon
as the Soviet forces are evacu-
ated."

Quavam categorically denied
reports that fresh Soviet troops
have entered Iran since March
2.

Envoy's Letter

The Iranian Premier stated
that the letter which the Iranian
Ambassador to the United
States, Hussein Ala, had sent to
the U.N.O. Secretary-General
Trygve Lie, was "unauthorised."

"I have sent a telegram to
Ala," added the Premier, "in-
structing him to avoid any
statements or actions likely to
lead to further misunderstand-
ings."

The recent arrest of the for-
mer Prime Minister, Sayyid Zia,
was ordered because of "certain
subversive activities against our
Government," said the Premier.
The affair, he declared, was
strictly one of internal politics,
and without international signifi-
cance.

Quavam denied reports local-
ly that Sayyid Zia, the "na-
tional will" leader had been
singled out as an enemy of the
Government and that his arrest
was a result of personal enmity
to Quavam. Reports have cir-
culated here since his arrest that
several Right-Wing deputies
in the last Majlis (Parliament)
had been marked out for arrest
and that several have left the
capital within the last few days.
—Associated Press.

Peaceful
Penetration

Boise, Idaho, March 24.

Senator Thomas of Idaho, chair-
man of military affairs committee,
said on a visit here yesterday
that "nothing I can see has de-
veloped on the international scene
to warrant extension of the se-
lective service law beyond July 1."

The senate committee has re-
commended a six-week extension
beyond the May 15 expiration
date. "For the first time in 100
years," Thomas said the volunteer
system is working well; "the army
and navy are getting all the men
they need." He added that he
did not see anything to warrant
concern in the international situa-
tion.

"Russia will win her objectives
by peaceful penetration," he as-
serted. "For the first time in 100
years she is a victorious nation.
She has a right to a year-around
port on the Pacific and surely
she has a right to access to the
Atlantic." —Associated Press.

Workers'
Play Time?

Tokyo, Mar. 24.

Japanese have gone enthusi-
astically for labour unions, and they
proposed an idea in a money dis-
pute today that left the owners
of Japan's biggest movie theatre
chain groggy.

They suggested free shows in
their employer's theatres to give
them an opportunity to win public
sympathy. Their idea is to close
the box offices of four of Tokyo's
largest theatres, throw open the
doors to the public, show a free
movie and then have speeches
about how the boss is underpaying
his employees. —Associated Press.

PERMANENT RANKS

Boise, Idaho, Mar. 24.

President Truman signed legis-
lation yesterday granting the
permanent ranks of general of the
Army and fleet admiral of the
Navy to wartime leaders who held
those titles. The select group of top
generals and admirals also will
receive \$5,000 yearly allowances
in addition to retirement pay.

The group includes Generals of
the Army MacArthur, Marshall,
Eisenhower and Arnold, and
Admirals of the Navy Leahy,
King and Nimitz. —Associated
Press.

War Trial In
Shanghai

Shanghai, Mar. 24.

The Japanese Grand Imperial
Headquarters and War Ministry
were charged yesterday with
responsibility for Japan's enemy
airmen's law in a statement
read at the trial here of four
Japanese charged with the death
of three Doolittle fliers.

These two agencies "insti-
gated the enactment of this
law" and made it "retroactive
to fit it to the past offense,"
said the statement by Major
Ituro Hata who was prosecu-
tor for the court martial which
sentenced eight Doolittle airmen
to death. Five Americans were
retrieved.

American prosecutors said
they were convinced that Hata's
statement and other evidence
would be a basis for indictments
against prominent members of
the Japanese military regime
responsible for promulgating
the law which allowed the execu-
tion of all enemy fliers.

Hata died in Tokyo early
this year. He sent the state-
ment voluntarily to allied head-
quarters when he learned he
was to be arrested. —Associated
Press.

Dramatic Scene

Shanghai, March 24.

Flag draped boxes, containing
the ashes of three executed "Doo-
little fliers" and a fellow Tokyo
raider who died in prison, were
dramatically placed before the
military commission who are try-
ing four Japanese officers on war
crimes charges here.

"The boxes of the ashes of the
executed airmen carried both their
correct names, and false names,
under which the Japanese regis-
tered their deaths," R. O. Scott,
the proprietor of a Shanghai
funeral parlour, testified that
Japanese officers furnished the
correct names after Japan surren-
dered. —Associated Press.

Russians Like
Wrist Watches

Peiping, Mar. 24.

Russian soldiers in Manchuria
are like youngsters with watches,
and some know so little about
them that they throw them away
when they run down.

Upon entering Soviet-controlled
territory, the Chinese tell you the
first thing to do is to hide your
watch because the Russians have
been taking them away from pa-
sengers on trains.

Although forewarned on his
trip to Mukden, Photographer
George Lacks of "Life" magazine
looked at his timepiece as he walk-
ed up the steps of the Intourist
hotel with a correspondent's party.

An alert Russian guard im-
mediately brightened, stepped over
and pointed to Lacks' wrist watch.
"I guess I made a mistake,"
Lacks remarked as the guard
admired the watch at close range.
But the guard didn't try to take
it. Inside the hotel, Lacks hid
his timepiece for the rest of his
Mukden visit. —Associated Press.

U.N.O. ON THE AIR

Washington, Mar. 24.

All sessions of the United
Nations Security Council will be
broadcast to the world in sev-
eral languages, the State Department's
international broadcasting section
announced yesterday.

Broadcasts will be made in
French, Spanish, Cantonese, Man-
darin, Japanese and Tagalog.
—Associated Press.

U.S. IN ICELAND

Reykjavik, Iceland, Mar. 24.

Fewer than 1,200 United
States troops remain in Iceland
where their presence has been
subject to Moscow criticism. It
was reported yesterday.
It was announced by the Ice-
land government previously that
no formal action is being taken
for their withdrawal. —Asso-
ciated Press.

Moscow Plays
An Old Tune

London, Mar. 24.

Moscow Radio comments that
"very little progress" has been
made in U.S.-administered Japan
toward reconstruction "along
democratic lines."

"An increasingly bitter strug-
gle is developing between the
forces of democracy and reac-
tionaries there."

Commentator V. Nikitchin as-
serted that the landing of a
new contingent of Dutch troops
in Java continued to threaten
world peace as it did when So-
viet Ukraine cited it to the
U.N.O. security council two
months ago.

The landing of a new con-
tingent of Dutch troops in
Java "further complicated the
already tense situation in In-
donesia," Nikitchin said, and
added "Dutch authorities still
are trying by the force of
arms to block the Indonesians'
natural desire for liberty," while
the British "still have the sup-
port of aircraft and threaten to
bring tanks into action again."

Recent events prove that the
security council should accept
the Ukrainian proposal, backed
by Russian Vice-Minister of
Foreign Affairs, Vishinsky, to
send an international investigat-
ing commission to Java, Nikit-
chin said. —Associated Press.

Cook Gets \$9,000
Back Pay

San Francisco, March 24.

King Fong-sung, China-born
cook, was cleared yesterday of a
navy desertion charge and was
awarded \$9,000 (US) in back
pay.

The Navy lost track of him be-
tween 1941 and 1945 after he had
served on United States Navy gunboats
in Asiatic waters since 1927. He
was a survivor of the Panay
gunboat attack and later was
forced to work aboard transports.
He reported back to the American
Navy last September. His wife
and family reside near Shanghai.
—Associated Press.

Manila's New
Radio Station

Manila, Mar. 24.

A high-powered international
shortwave transmitter, beamed to
Eastern Asia, including Man-
churia, is under construction near
Manila by the United States in-
formation service.

Building of the 50,000 watt
station and an equally high-
power broadcast band transmitter,
originally designed as a wartime
function of the office of war in-
formation, was halted on V-J
day, but recently was resumed
when the information service de-
cided to expand the Western
Pacific broadcasts. It is not
known whether it is planned to
broadcast Russian-language pro-
grammes or not. — Associated
Press.

FOOD CRISIS

Washington, Mar. 24.

American newspapers are giving
steadily more space to the world food
crisis and efforts to alleviate it.
While reports from afflicted areas tell
of approaching famine, American edi-
torial columns urge the United States
and other nations able to help to cut
their food consumption and send the
surpluses to the needy countries. —
Associated Press.

SEA-GOING "WORKHOUSE"

Montreal, Mar. 24.

The cargo ship Lucius W. Robinson
of 3,900 tons—the first vessel operating
on the Great Lakes to be sold to the
Chinese Government by a Canadian com-
pany—will start on her 15,000 mile trip
to Shanghai as soon as the ice melts in
Montreal harbor.

Shipping records describe the Lucius
W. Robinson as the "workhouse of the
Atlantic." She went into the trade
when Allied shipping was at its lowest,
ending every trip without the loss of a
pound of cargo.
She came through six years of war,
including three years of submarine action
along the Atlantic seaboard.
The trip to Shanghai will be lengthy
as the Robinson's top speed is eight
knots. —Reuter.

CHARGES DISMISSED

Singapore, Mar. 24.

The Singapore Court today discharged
S. C. Goh, former Chairman of the
Indian Independence League here during
the Japanese occupation, when the pro-
secutor asked for the charge of sedition
to be withdrawn on instructions from
the "highest possible authority."

Goh is said to have been detained
since last November.
Dr. Charles Fawcett, leader of the
European community in Singapore dur-
ing the Japanese occupation, who was
charged with treason and sedition, was
also discharged on the application of the
prosecutor.

The court also dismissed the charges
against Abdul Samad, editor of the
"Malay People" during the Japanese
regime. —Reuter.

Hollywood, March 24.

Mrs. Pat O'Brien, wife of the
actor, has disclosed that they ex-
pect to become parents in May.
The O'Briens, who have been
married 15 years, have three
married children. —Associated
Press.

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HOMEWARDS:

BRITISH NOT CODDLING THE GERMANS

(By Dowitt Mackenzie)

HERFORD, GERMANY, MARCH 24. WHEN YOU GET A CLOSE VIEW OF THE REHABILITATION AND THE DEMOCRATIZATION OF GERMANY UNDER ALLIED SUPERVISION, YOU WONDER WHETHER ON THE WHOLE THIS TASK DOESN'T PRESENT EVEN GREATER PROBLEMS THAN THE SMASHING OF THE MIGHTY HITLERIAN MILITARY MACHINE.

HERE IN THE BRITISH ZONES, WE FIND THE PROBLEM BEING ATTACKED ALONG TWO MAIN LINES. ONE HAS AS ITS OBJECTIVE THE RAISING OF THE STANDARD OF LIVING TO THE LEVEL LAID DOWN BY ALLIED AGREEMENT—A LONG TERM JOB. THE OTHER IS THE RE-EDUCATION OF THE GERMAN PEOPLE, AND THIS IS THE BIGGER OF THE TWO FOR IT IS TO INSTILL DEMOCRACY.

The administration bears the full brunt of the Field-Marshal Markomery, who only recently relinquished supervision here to become Chief of the Imperial General Staff.

It is noticeable that there is no coddling of the Germans. The toughest spot in the vital educational programme is the group of people between the ages of 14 and about 35, for they are the Hitlerized element. The older folk are less of a problem, and of course it is upon the children that lasting peace largely must be built.

So the British are setting up democratic institutions. These include universities and schools. The creation of trade unions on a craft basis is being encouraged, and while there will be federation among them, they will retain their individuality.

Youth Movements

Men text books are being provided throughout the zone. The old arithmetic books instead of providing problems in the form of low-class problems, are now two, and three, substituted S.S. soldiers, or maybe tanks, for apples.

The British are doing daily broadcasts with a peace theme to the schools. The radio also is telling the students about their countries. There are over two million children in the schools of the British zone but they are short of teachers.

More than incidentally, the scholars are given midday meals with calories daily beyond the normal ration of 1950, with added calories for heavy workers.

Another important phase of the democratization is the fostering of youth movements, and there are now some 1,600 youth clubs with a membership of about 75,000.

These are social clubs, run by a committee of their members. The British see that these clubs have proper recommendations. Training schools are being set up for youth movement leaders, and the purpose is to produce a large number of leaders.

Boy Scouts

At the outset an effort was made to introduce the Boy Scout movement, but this idea had to be discarded because the Germans took it as being a military organization because of the uniforms.

English Standards Of Life At Stake

(Continued from Page 1)

Declaring that great plans for social security were now being passed through Parliament, Mr. Attlee went on to say: "We are out to achieve prosperity. We are going to provide a comprehensive system of security in order that the standard of life of everyone may be maintained in sickness as well as in health, in times of employment and in periods of temporary unemployment. These schemes have met with widespread support in this country and have, I know, struck the imagination of many people in other lands."

Referring to the mood of cynicism and selfishness after the last war, Mr. Attlee said: "This must not happen again. I do not think it will." The defeat of Nazism was a great victory which ended the military war but it was only an episode in the unending warfare of the human spirit.

"Despite many difficulties," he concluded, "I look forward with confidence to the future."

One of the most interesting projects is the establishment of town councils everywhere.

The members are nominated at present, because the people are untrained, owing to the dictatorship but the members will be elected by the end of June. Education of the general public is of course being carried on intensively through the radio, the press, the cinema, and the theatres and book publishing. The authorities also encourage individual Germans to have personal contact with the outside world from which they had been cut off by the dictatorship since 1933.

The newspapers, by the way, are having difficulty in finding newspapermen because all but Nazis were thrown out under Hitler.—Associated Press.

Potato Bag Contained Human Body

Paris, March 24.

Sunshine did not prevent Parisians coming on masse to catch sight of "Blue Beard" Dr. Petiot, who is accused of murdering 27 people during the German occupation. A long queue lined up outside in the hope that someone in the packed court would leave and so give a chance of a vacant place.

Police Inspector Marcel Battu gave the court further details of discoveries made in Petiot's "house of horror," which the court viewed yesterday.

Persecution Of Greek Catholics

London, March 24.

Cardinal Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster, speaking at mass in his cathedral to-day for the "persecuted peoples of Eastern Europe," referred to the recent Moscow statement that Greek Catholics in Ruthenia have seceded from the Catholic Church to join the Orthodox Church.

"What are the true facts?" the Cardinal asked. "For the past twelve months, a violent and bitter persecution has been launched against the Greek Catholics in Ruthenia. Seven bishops were arrested. In addition, a very large number of priests have been arrested, imprisoned or deported and many have been murdered. The rest of the clergy have been placed in such conditions that they were unable to exercise their ministry."

"Apostate Priests" have been replaced by apostate priests who have declared their allegiance to the Russian Orthodox Church and their withdrawal from the authority of the Pope."

The Cardinal continued: "The Church in Yugoslavia has also been subjected to persecution. Bishops, priests and lay people have been imprisoned and many murdered."

"In many other regions now within the Russian zone, priests and the faithful have been subjected to the tyranny of the so-called 'people's police'."

The Cardinal concluded: "We invite all those who would proclaim the sacred rights of man, of his personal religious and political liberty, to join with us in protesting against such brutal treatment meted out to those who fought that men might be free."

Local Softball

(By "ONLOOKER")

Portugal qualified for the finals yesterday when they beat India by nine runs to two in an exciting semi-final International Softball Shield game at the Decoria Ground, King's Park.

The game started at a fast pace. Portugal, taking the lead in the second innings when Lawrence made a hit and came home. Portugal added three more runs to their score in the fifth inning, when Jindoo Hussain scored India's only two. Portugal scored five more runs in the last two innings, making the final result Portugal 9, India 2.

Leo Tavares, Gerry and Bertie Gossano and Tony Gossano were the outstanding players for Portugal, and Hussain and Omar for the losers.

At the end of the fifth innings, Hussain, sliding home, collided with Gossano. The latter had to be taken to hospital with injuries to the left leg, after first aid treatment by "Doc" Molthen, who was umpiring.

Here And There

The I.K. Softball Association will be leaving the Hon. Sec. Mr. W. E. Hollands, who is leaving for home at the beginning of next month in the "Strathmore". He will be accompanied by his wife and three sons, Freddie, Claude and Sidney. The latter two played prominently in the I.K. Softball League and the International Series.

A meeting of the Management Committee of the I.K. Softball Association will be held on Thursday in the Acting Hon. Sec. Mr. W. E. Hollands, who is leaving for home at the beginning of next month in the "Strathmore". He will be accompanied by his wife and three sons, Freddie, Claude and Sidney. The latter two played prominently in the I.K. Softball League and the International Series.

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Petiot several times tried to interrupt during the 90 minutes of quick exchanges between M. Floriot, Petiot's counsel, and the police inspector, but he was silenced by the President of the Court.

"Let me give my conclusions," Petiot finally exclaimed. "This is not the hour for business," retorted the President. Inspector Battu had previously told the Court that Yvon Dreyfus, whom Petiot is alleged to have murdered, "was a victim and not a German agent."

True Son Of France

Captain Henri Boris, one of General de Gaulle's officers who organised flights to occupied France from Britain, states that it was impossible for any resistance group to be known to have come into the open (Petiot claims that the killings of which he is accused were the work of the "Plytox resistance group," organized by him).

Captain Boris said that Yvon Dreyfus was a "true son of France" and not a German agent. Before America entered the war, Dreyfus was working for the American Broadcasting Company at Lyons and he put his technical knowledge and what apparatus he had at the service of the resistance secret radio.

"Never once did he give to Germany any secret entrusted to him," Captain Boris, who was himself caught and imprisoned by the Germans after a plane accident, said.

A sensation occurred in Court to-day when Petiot's counsel, Maître Rene Floriot, announced the disappearance of the potato bag which had contained parts of a human body and of the pearls through which Petiot is alleged to have watched the death agonies of his victims at his house.

Two police inspectors were unable to tell the Court who had verified the breaking of police seals when the luggage seized at Petiot's house was opened for relatives to identify a shirt and cuffs of one of the victims.

Petiot then shouted: "These cuffs, like the potato sack and pearls, have disappeared!"

New York, Mar. 24. Tony Palazzolo, 41, Boston, veteran fight promoter and manager, died yesterday.

He had been ill for several weeks. Palazzolo, who had held the world welterweight crown 18 years ago.—Associated Press.

Record

London, Mar. 24.

Hannio Termoulen, the Dutch swimmer who set a new record for the 100 yards of 61 seconds a week ago, clipped a further second off this time when a Dutch team defeated their British tour with another brilliant win yesterday.

The occasion was a gala at the Marshall Street Baths where the previous record was made and the Dutch team won the majority of the races.

Race Meet

Admiral Lord Fraser, Vice-Admiral Sir Cecil Harcourt, the Maharajah of Jaipur, and Air Commodore W. A. D. Brook were among those present at the Fourth Military Race Services Race Club at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon. In spite of an overcast sky, a large crowd attended.

There were no surprises, as yesterday's was largely a favourite's race. A novel feature was the steeplechase in the third race which was won by "Moose", ridden by Major Skewes-Cox.

Biggest dividend was in the first race, won by "Duke" (Lt. Cdr. Parker), which paid \$74.80 for winner.

The Tote Double in the second and fourth race paid a dividend of \$44.90.

Following were the results:—

1st Race—Cunningham Handicap (5 furlongs). Duke (Lt. Cdr. Parker) 1, Doreen (Major Cowie) 2, Flicker (Major Gaskell) 3.

Also ran: Goldy (S/Ldr. Jenkins), Maria (Lt. Cdr. Lamotte) and Mouse (Col. Foster).

Winner—\$74.80. Places:—1st \$12.20; 2nd \$7.40; 3rd \$6.70.

2nd Race—Porter Handicap (6 furlongs). Tony (S/Ldr. Jenkins) 1, Starlight (L.A.C. Gav) 2, Nigger (A.B. Wright) 3.

Also ran: Jacobus (L.A.C. Towell) and Stardust (Comdr. Gregory).

Winner—\$8.80. Places:—1st \$7.60; 2nd \$18.00.

3rd Race—Eisenhower Steeplechase (7 furlongs). Moose (Major Skewes-Cox) 1, Anthony (W/Comdr. Chadwick) 2, Tom (Capt. Govind Singh) 3.

Also ran: Billy (Col. Percival Price) and Mary (Comdr. Courage).

Winner—\$18.70. Places:—1st \$7.40; 2nd \$7.80.

4th Race—Tedder Handicap (5 furlongs). Mutual (Col. Foster) 1, Autumn Rose (L.A.C. Sutton) 2, Mayfair (Major Gaskell) 3.

Also ran: Jackie (Major Hodgmen), Prince (A.B. Towler), Resalder (Capt. Govind Singh) and Sanel (Comdr. Courage).

Winner—\$14.20. Places:—1st \$9.90; 2nd \$10.20; 3rd \$22.70.

5th Race—Montgomery Stakes (5 furlongs). Charley Chase (Maj. Hodgman) 1, Happy (L.A.C. Rodd) 2, Jonah (Col. James) 3.

Also ran: Gypsy (L.A.C. Gay), Jeannie (L.A.C. Sutton), Sharkey (Col. Foster) and Tofo (A.B. Towler).

Winner—\$10.60. Places:—1st \$7.20; 2nd \$9.80; 3rd \$14.90.

6th Race—CASH SWEEPSTAKES. 1st No. 534 \$4,785. 2nd " 117 1,307. 3rd " 2028 864.

Unplaced ponies Nos. 684, 1636, 4185 and 1825 \$100 each.

Second Race. 1st No. 1599 \$5,977. 2nd " 1240 1,636. 3rd " 4023 769.

Unplaced ponies Nos. 2268 and 1429 \$100 each.

Third Race. 1st No. 5938 \$5,648. 2nd " 8723 1,614. 3rd " 220 807.

Unplaced ponies Nos. 5828 and 265 \$100 each.

Fourth Race. 1st No. 1802 \$5,798. 2nd " 930 1,666. 3rd " 2013 1,938.

Unplaced ponies Nos. 4580, 2367, 6344 and 2363 \$100 each.

Fifth Race. 1st No. 7827 \$12,681. 2nd " 820 3,623. 3rd " 4904 1,812.

Unplaced ponies Nos. 2205, 4470, 12875 and 11697 \$300 each.

Sunday Soccer

Outplayed in every department and well and truly beaten by four clear goals, seven minutes before the end when the game was abandoned. Eastern, potential champions of the football League, received their greatest shock this season from Navy in the semi-final round of the Shield competition.

Navy played superb football and there was not a weak link in the side. From the very start the sailors settled down to business and gave a routing display. They were on the attack from the start and added by a strong wind were continually in the Eastern half.

Pressing from the start Navy were early in the lead when Fook Yui-wah, when hard pressed, deflected the ball into his own goal. Shortly after Crawford added another goal. Before the interval Bolton increased the lead from a penalty.

Shortly after the interval Navy went further ahead through Peenan who scored the best goal of the game following some good individual work.

From then on Eastern were entirely demoralised and though they did some attacking were never dangerous in front of goal. Bad feeling from players from both sides crept in and the referee had occasion to caution several players.

Seven minutes from time the referee had to abandon the game owing to the crowd encroaching on the ground.

The referee, Col. Leiph, R.A.F., who officiated at the game in the absence of Mr. R. M. Omar, handled the match splendidly.

Navy "A" Win

In direct contrast to the game which followed Navy "A" beat Civilians "A" by four clear goals in the League at Causeway Bay yesterday.

The game was played in an excellent sporting spirit and throughout there was no incident. Navy were the better team and fully deserved their win.

Wright was the outstanding player for the winners and scored two good goals. The other goal scorers were Erskine and Dawn.

LEAGUE TABLE

| | P. | W. | D. | L. | F. | A.P. |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|----|------|
| R.A.F. | 8 | 0 | 1 | 22 | 10 | 18 |
| Eastern | 7 | 0 | 2 | 25 | 7 | 11 |
| Navy "B" | 7 | 4 | 0 | 21 | 8 | 11 |
| 44 R.M. Gdo. | 7 | 5 | 1 | 19 | 0 | 11 |
| South China | 4 | 4 | 2 | 18 | 11 | 10 |
| Kwong Wah | 8 | 0 | 6 | 15 | 14 | 0 |
| Navy "A" | 8 | 2 | 2 | 11 | 15 | 0 |
| R. Engineers | 7 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 13 | 18 |
| Civilians "A" | 8 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 9 | 20 |
| Civilians "B" | 8 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 5 | 43 |

BASEBALL

New York, Mar. 24. Exhibition baseball scores yesterday included: Hollywood 6, Los Angeles 3; Detroit 2, Syracuse 0; Detroit 1, Chicago 0; Chicago 12, St. Louis 1; Buffalo 11, Washington 0.—Associated Press.

West Baden, Indiana, Mar. 24. Limited to two teams and restricted to eight miles daily, the heavyweight champion of the world, Joe Louis, has succeeded in losing one more pound in two weeks preliminary to training for the June title bout with Billy Conn.

Louis weighed 219 lbs. on Friday.—Associated Press.

New York, Mar. 24. The United States announced their withdrawal from the women's basketball match at Wimbledon, London, on June 14 and 15 as follows: Mary Havel, Wiesbaden 3; Cadden, Pauline Bern, Margaret Boine, Louise Brough, Doris Hart, and Mrs. Patricia Canning.

The team will remain in England to compete in the Wimbledon Championships, starting on June 21.—Reuter.

St. Petersburg, Fla., Mar. 24. Joe Dimaggio has hit 10 homers for the New York Yankees so far, during the training season.—Associated Press.

New York, Mar. 24. Ray (Sugar) Robinson of New York knocked out Freddie Flores, also of New York, in the fifth round of a scheduled 10-round feature fight despite being outweighted 12 pounds. Robinson weighed 150; Flores 162.—Associated Press.

Orlando, Fla., Mar. 24. Jess B. Hawley, 58, former Dartmouth and Iowa football coach, died here on Friday. While at Dartmouth from 1923 to 1925, he was regarded as one of the nation's outstanding coaches.—Associated Press.

New Haven, Conn., Mar. 24. Bob Montgomery, of Philadelphia, recognized in New York and Pennsylvania as world lightweight champion, knocked out Ernie Petroni of New Haven in the fourth round of their scheduled 10-round bout. Both weighed 136 pounds.—Associated Press.

CHARLTON IN FINALS OF F.A. CUP

LONDON, MARCH 24.

CHARLTON ATHLETIC TO-DAY REACHED THE FINAL OF THE F.A. CUP WITH A 2-0 WIN OVER BOLTON WANDERERS IN ONE OF THE TWO SEMI-FINAL CUP GAMES WATCHED BY HUGE CROWDS IN THE OTHER SEMI-FINAL THE MUCH-FANCIED DERBY COUNTY DREW WITH BIRMINGHAM 1-1 AND THERE WILL HAVE TO BE A REPLAY.

IT WILL BE THE FIRST TIME THAT CHARLTON HAS APPEARED IN THE CUP FINAL, WHILE BOLTON WANDERERS WERE THE ONLY TEAM IN THE SEMI-FINALS WHO HAVE PREVIOUSLY WON THE CUP.

Great precautions to prevent a recurrence of the Bolton crowd-stand disaster were taken when today's semi-finals were played at Villa Park and Sheffield Wednesday's ground. Entry into the grounds was by helicopter and tickets were issued for 10,000 less than the ground's capacity. Nevertheless, both games were played before full stands, nearly 20,000 moving through the turnstiles for the Charlton-Bolton duel. A crowd of similar size packed Wednesday's ground.

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